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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP ART UNIT 2827

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Examiner: James M. Mitchell

For: COMPRESSION ASSEMBLED ELECTRONIC PACKAGE HAVING A PLASTIC
MOLDED INSULATION RING

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	6	MINUS	25	* =	0	X	(\$9 SE or \$18)	\$
INDEP.	2	MINUS	4	** =	0	X	(\$43 SE or \$86)	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$145 SE or \$290)	\$

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

TOTAL \$ -0-

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ____ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. xx If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.